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September 29, 2000

Patrick Collins, Resident Agent Mt. Nebo Scientific P.O. Box 337 Springville, Utah 84663

Re: Approval of Updated Ownership and Control Information, Nevada Electric Investment

Company, Wellington Preparation Plant, ACT/007/012-LF00B, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Collins:

The above-referenced amendment is hereby approved. A stamped approved copy is enclosed for incorporation into your Mining and Reclamation Plan. Also enclosed is a copy of our technical analysis for your information.

If you have any question, please feel free to call me at (801) 538-5258.

Sincerely,

Susan M. White

Acting Permit Supervisor

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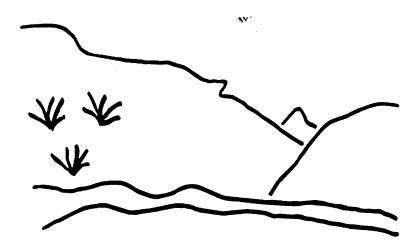
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Enclosure:

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Coal Regulatory Program

Wellington Preparation Plant
Updated Ownership and Control Information
ACT/007/012-LB00B-1
Technical Analysis
September 28, 2000

INTRODUCTION

Nevada Electric Investment Company (NEICO) has proposed to change the ownership and control information for the Wellington Preparation Plant. The original proposal was dated June 2, 2000, and the Division received a revised submittal on September 18, 2000. In July 1999, Nevada Power, the former owner of NEICO, merged with Sierra Pacific Resources, and Sierra Pacific Resources became the sole owner of NEICO. NEICO's officers and directors have changed.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL INFORMATION

Regulatory Reference: R645-301-112

Analysis:

In July 1999, Nevada Power and Sierra Pacific Resources merged, and Sierra Pacific Resources became the owner of Nevada Electric In vestment Company (NEICO), the permittee for the Wellington Preparation Plant. The permittee and operator remain NEICO, a Nevada corporation. Techmat, LLC, has signed a lease to resume the recovery of coal fines that was begun by Covol Technologies.

The resident agent would remain Patrick Collins, and NEICO would be responsible for paying any abandoned mine reclamation fees. The application contains the addresses, telephone numbers, and employer identification numbers for NEICO and Sierra Pacific Resources.

The application also includes the names of the officers and directors of NEICO and Sierra Pacific Resources together with the positions these people hold and the dates they assumed their positions.

NEICO previously owned 50% of the Crandall Canyon Mine, and the application gives information about this mine. Sierra Pacific has not owned or controlled a coal mining or reclamation operation in the previous five years.

Findings:

Information in the application is adequate to meet the requirements of this section of the regulations.

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